



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Alaska District

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch (1145b)  
Post Office Box 6898  
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-6898

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE	6 March 2003
EXPIRATION DATE	20 March 2003
REFERENCE NUMBER	O-1981-0519
WATERWAY NUMBER	Chatham Strait 96

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan.

APPLICANT: Armstrong-Keta Inc., Post Office Box 21990 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1990.

LOCATION: Within section 29, T. 64 S., R. 69 E., Copper River Meridian, U.S. Geological Survey Map Port Alexander (B-2), in Port Armstrong, on the southeast tip of Baranof Island, Latitude 61°35'03"N., Longitude 149°21'34"W.

WORK: The applicant is proposing to construct a 60-foot wide by 140-foot long incubator building on pilings, which would require excavating 23 cubic yards (cy) of material below the high tide line (HTL). Eighteen 5'x5'x2' cast-in-place concrete column footings connected to steel piles would support the building. Approximately 33.3 cy of concrete would be used for the footings.

PURPOSE: To construct a building, to incubate and raise, chum, pink, coho and chinook salmon.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The proposed construction is an expansion to an existing hatchery. Excavated material would consist of overburden and bedrock at the rear of the building site, within the footprint of the new building.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify that the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Management and Budget, Division of Governmental Coordination has concurred with the applicant's certification.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this

application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity reasons for holding a public hearing.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The project area is within the known or historic range of the Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and the Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*). Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or their critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** The proposed work is being evaluated for possible effects to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (MSFCMA), 16 U.S.C. et seq and associated federal regulations found at 50 CFR 600 Subpart K. The Alaska District includes areas of EFH as Fishery Management Plans. We have reviewed the January 20, 1999, North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Environmental Assessment to locate EFH area as identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). We have determined that the described activity within the proposed area will not adversely affect EFH, including anadromous fish and federally managed fishery resources.

**SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION** None

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts which the proposed activity may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors which become relevant in each particular case. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order

to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Ms. Nicole Hayes at (907) 753-2720 or toll free in Alaska at (800) 478-2712, if further information is desired concerning this notice.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities

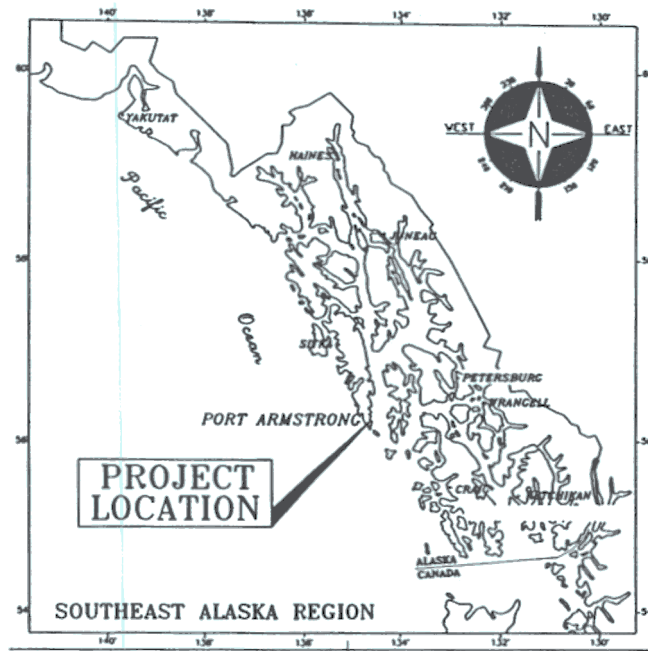
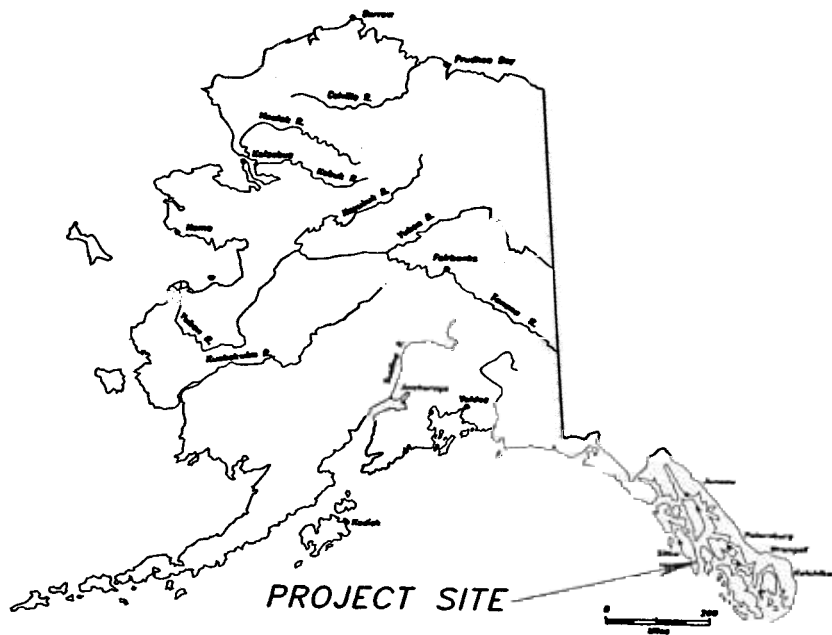
(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States  
Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States -  
Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

A plan, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachments



## REGIONAL VICINITY MAPS

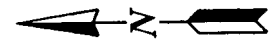
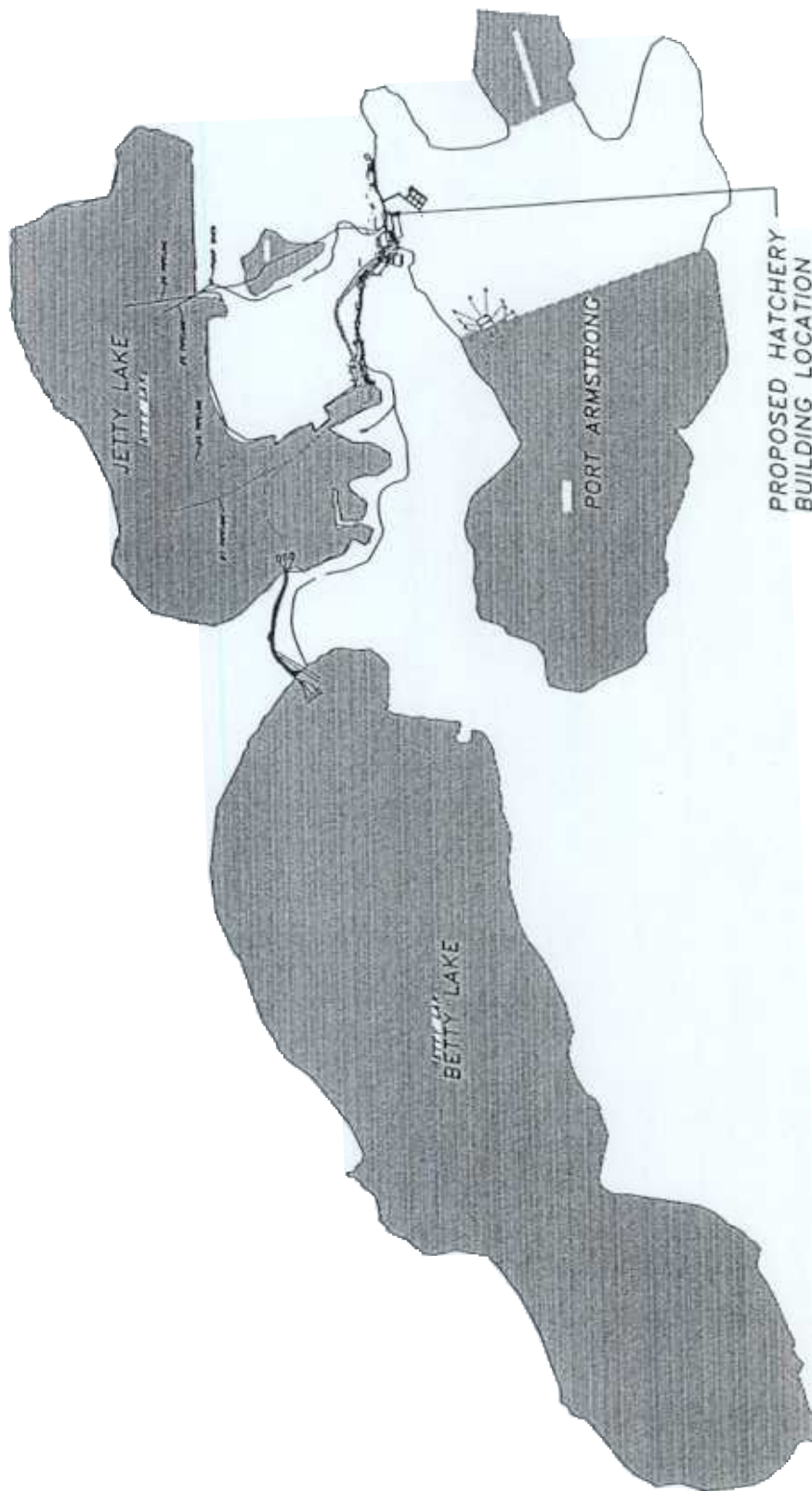
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PROPOSED INCUBATOR BUILDING

AT: PORT ARMSTRONG  
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LOCATED IN:  
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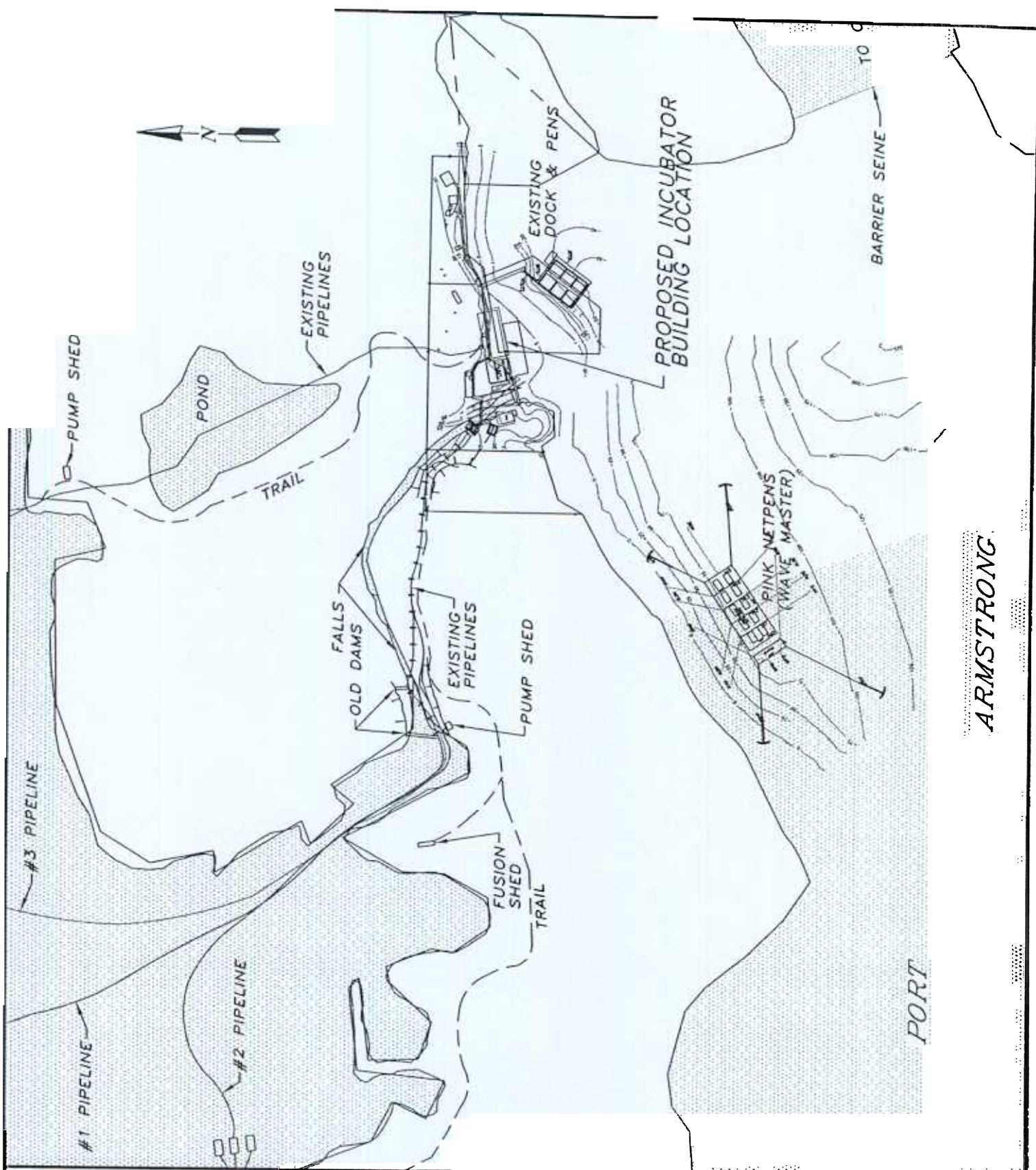


## VICINITY MAP

**GRAPHIC SCALE**  
SCALE IN MILES  
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SCALE: 1" = 1/4 MILE

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## SITE MAP

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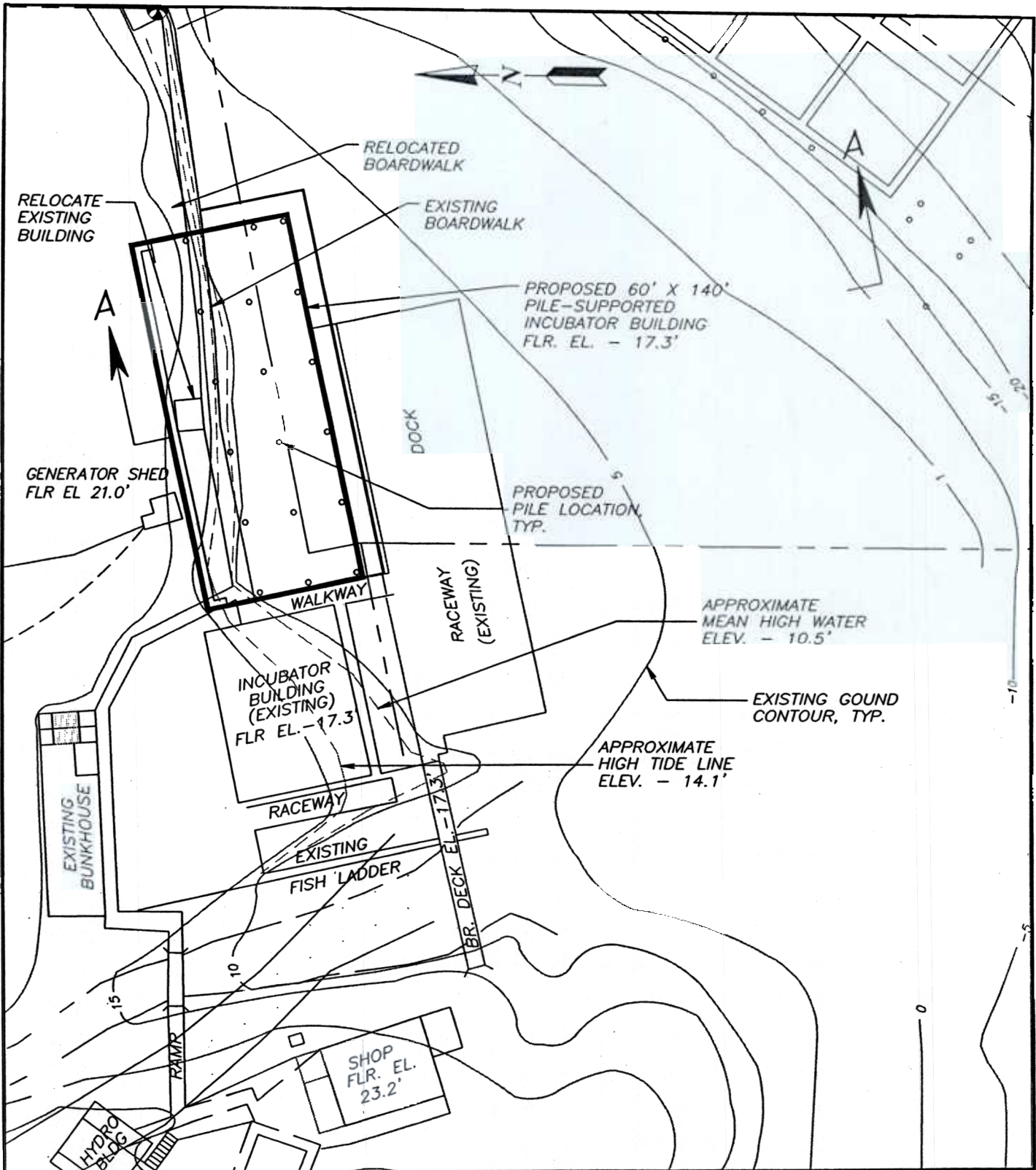
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SCALE IN FEET

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SCALE: 1" = 400'



## PROJECT SITE PLAN

PORT ARMSTRONG HATCHERY  
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GRAPHIC SCALE  
SCALE IN FEET

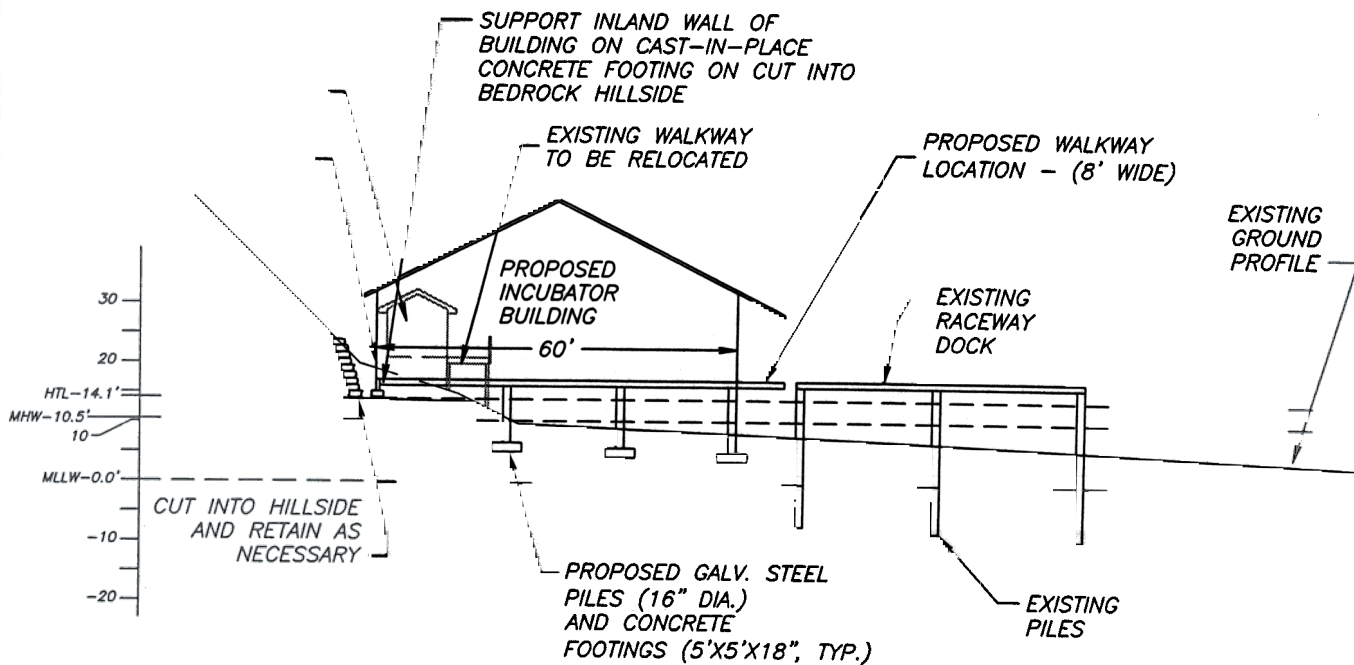


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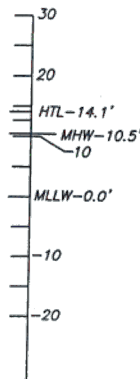
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MATCH  
LINE



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EXISTING  
GROUND  
PROFILE



#### PROJECT QUANTITIES

CONCRETE PILE FOOTINGS (5'x5'x2')	18
CONTINUOUS CONCRETE FOOTING	160 LF
CONCRETE VOLUME (BELOW HTL)	33.3 CY
TOTAL CONCRETE VOLUME	63 CY
TOTAL BUILDING FOOTPRINT	10,064 SF
EXCAVATION BELOW HTL	23 CY
EXCAVATION AREA BELOW HTL	2,800 SF
VOLUME OF SOIL DISPLACED BY FOOTINGS AND PILINGS	36 CY

NOTE: SOIL EXCAVATED FOR PLACEMENT OF EACH FOOTING WILL BE REPLACED AT THE SAME LOCATION.

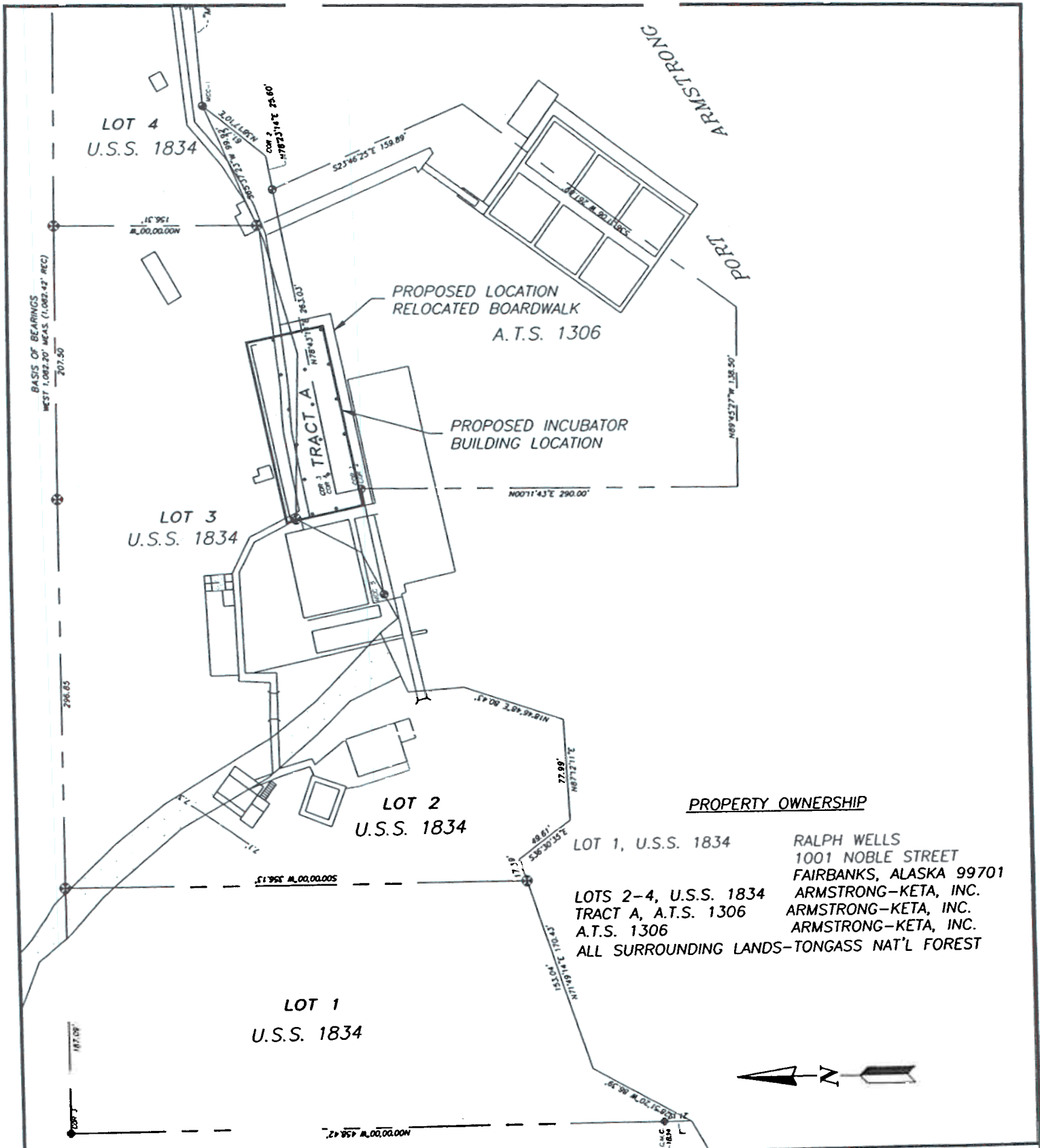
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**PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

LOT 1, U.S.S. 1834      RALPH WELLS  
 1001 NOBLE STREET  
 FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701  
 LOTS 2-4, U.S.S. 1834      ARMSTRONG-KETA, INC.  
 TRACT A, A.T.S. 1306      ARMSTRONG-KETA, INC.  
 A.T.S. 1306      ARMSTRONG-KETA, INC.  
 ALL SURROUNDING LANDS-TONGASS NAT'L FOREST

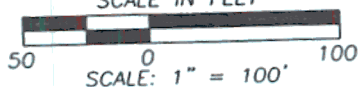
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**GRAPHIC SCALE**  
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# STATE OF ALASKA

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
DIVISION OF GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

CENTRAL OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 110030  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-0030  
PHONE: (907) 465-3562/FAX: (907) 465-3075

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Division of Governmental Coordination for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **O-1981-0519, Chatham Strait 96**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Alaska Division of Governmental Coordination. For information about this consistency review, contact DGC at (907) 269-7470 or (907) 465-3562, or visit the DGC web site at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/gdc/Projects/projects.html>.

Attachment 2

# STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**DIVISION OF AIR AND WATER QUALITY**

Non-Point Source Control Section

401 Certification Program

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION**

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. **O-1981-0519, Chatham Strait 96** serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
WQM/401 Certification  
410 Willoughby Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795  
Telephone: (907) 465-5321  
FAX: (907) 465-5274